



City of Sierra Madre

February 20, 2004

Office of the
City Manager

Board of Supervisors
Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Room 383 Kenneth Han Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Tamara S. Gates
City Manager

Dear Violet Varona-Lukens:

At the February 9, 2004 Sierra Madre City Council meeting, the City Council adopted Ordinance 1209, moving the date of its bi-annual General Municipal Election from the second Tuesday in April of even numbered years to the first Tuesday in March of even numbered years beginning in March 2006 to consolidate with the county election. By having the County administer the Municipal Election, the City anticipates significantly reducing City expenses generated by the Municipal Election.

State law requires that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approve this change in order for it to become effective.

Please forward this request to the Board for their approval. I respectfully request that you notify the City of the Board's decision as soon as possible.

If you have any questions with respect to the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tamara S. Gates".

Tamara S. Gates
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ORDINANCE NO. 1209

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA MOVING THE DATE OF ITS BI-ANNUAL GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FROM THE SECOND TUESDAY IN APRIL OF EVEN NUMBERED YEARS TO THE FIRST TUESDAY IN MARCH OF EVEN NUMBERED YEARS BEGINNING IN MARCH 2006

WHEREAS, The City's bi-annual general municipal election (hereinafter "Municipal Election") is now scheduled for the second Tuesday in April of even-numbered years;

WHEREAS, The City desires to reschedule its Municipal Election beginning in March 2006 to the first Tuesday in March of even-numbered years to coincide with California's statewide primary elections;

WHEREAS, rescheduling the City's Municipal Election will enable the City to seek consolidation of the Municipal Election with other elections occurring on the same date that are administered by the County of Los Angeles so that the County will be able to administer the Municipal Election; and

WHEREAS, By having the County administer the Municipal Election, the City anticipates significantly reducing City expenses generated by the Municipal Election.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to Sections 1000 and 1301(a) of the California Elections Code, as of March 2006, the City's general municipal election shall be moved from the second Tuesday in April of each even-numbered year to the first Tuesday in March of each even numbered year.

Section 2. Pursuant to Section 1301(e) of the California Elections Code, within 30 days after this Ordinance becomes operative, the City elections official shall cause notice to be mailed to all registered voters informing the voters of the change in the election date made by this Ordinance and that, as a result of the change in election date, the terms of office of currently-elected City Officeholders will be shortened by one month.

Section 3. *Code Amendment.* Chapter 2.08 of Title 2 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code is hereby amended to add new Section 2.08.050 to read:

"2.08.050 General Municipal Election Date

A. As of March 2006, the City's general municipal election shall be held on the first Tuesday in March of each even numbered year.


B. The term of any elected City Officeholder that would have expired in April 2006 shall, instead, expire in the same manner, but after the occurrence of the March 2006 general election established by this Ordinance."

Section 4. *Severability.* If any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or word of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is rendered or declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this Ordinance, and the application of such to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. *Effective Date.* This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as provided by California Elections Code Section 1301(b)(1).

Section 6. Certification. City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published in the manner required by law. The City Manager shall forward a copy of this Ordinance to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors with a request that it be approved pursuant to California Elections Code Sections 1301 and 10403.5.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 9th day of Feb., 2004.


Bart Doyle, Mayor


Nancy Shollenberger, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Michael G. Colantuono, City Attorney

ATTEST

I, NANCY SHOLLENBERGER, CITY CLERK, of the City Sierra Madre do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 1209 was regularly introduced at the regular meeting of the City Council on January 26, 2004 and was thereafter adopted and passed at the regular meeting of the City Council held on February 9, 2004 by the following vote:

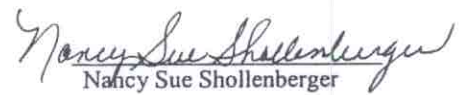
AYES: Mayor, Bart Doyle, Mayor Pro Tem, Robert "Rob" Stockly, Councilmembers, Doug Hayes, and Tonja Torres

NOES: George A. Maurer, Councilmember

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN:

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that within 15 days of the date of its passage, I caused a copy of Ordinance No. 1209 to be published in the Mountain Views.


Nancy Sue Shollenberger
City Clerk